



BATTALION COMMANDER'S UPDATE

LTC MARK JOHNSON

Greetings once again from Iraq. Hopefully this edition of the Deep Strike Tribune finds everyone doing well as we approach completing six months here "in theater".

Across the Army Springtime is usually the time when many people move – and that's the case as well here in Iraq. As most of you know by now, A Battery relocated fairly recently. The *Renegades* no longer occupy the remote desert Combat Outpost Wolf that they called home since having arrived in Iraq, and instead now call Camp Fallujah home. The living conditions for A Battery have improved with the move, and they are able to continue to provide outstanding rocket and missile fire in support of the Marines they are tasked to support.

In the near future, the rest of the battalion will also relocate. The specifics of where the battalion is going to move to will come out at a later date (after we have completed the move) so that we can maintain operational security (OPSEC). Once all Soldiers have arrived at the new location we'll let you know a little more about where exactly it is that we'll be calling home. We already have our new addresses for where we're moving to (enclosed at the end of the newsletter) and I'd ask that you stop sending mail to our current address within the next week or so. Once we arrive at the new location and have our mail accounts established we'll let you know that it's ok to begin using the new address. Not to worry though if you've already sent a letter (or even if your Soldier has moved to the new location by the time your letter or package arrives) as it will be forwarded to our new "home". Just as happens when we all move back in the United States, when we move over here our mail will follow us to the

new address (although it may take a week or so to catch up with us). During our time of transition there may be a period where you don't hear from your Soldier, but don't be alarmed. Most likely your loved one is either busy with the move, or we've taken down our communications systems for a short period so that we can move it to the new location. Don't worry about your Soldier not being able to be contacted in the event of an emergency. Red Cross messages will continue to be received and processed in an expedient manner with no interruptions.

Of note with the battalion's move is that part of A Battery will also move and join the rest of the battalion at the new location. When all is said and done, with the exception of a portion of A Battery, the entire battalion will be co-located at one location. As I cannot answer the specifics for each of the 350+ Soldiers in the battalion, I'd ask that you find out from your Soldier what address to use to contact him or her in the future. We'll also encourage our Soldiers to let everyone know what address to use to help mitigate uncertainty.

For the most part, the quality of life should remain the same (and improve for some) for our Soldiers once the move is complete. I will say that there's a large PX, as well as things such as Burger King, Popeye's Chicken, Subway, Green Beans Coffee, and a few other food options available where we're moving (although, given the great and plentiful food in our dining facilities – all offered free – I'm not sure why somebody would pay \$4.50 for a Burger King hamburger). Internet, e-mail, and telephone access should remain consistent with what we currently have, so I wouldn't expect change there. I would offer a word of caution though, in that Soldiers who are currently using e-mail providers such as Yahoo or Hot-mail may not be able to access that e-mail account on Army computers (although they'll still be able to access those accounts at MWR facilities) because the computer servers where we're moving are different and there are different restrictions on what can and cannot be accessed. In any case, Army Knowledge Online e-mail addresses (the ones ending in @us.army.mil) will still be able to be accessed on any computer system, so I'd encourage the use of AKO e-mail wherever possible. Another advantage of the move is that it should be easier for us to get

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Soldiers out of Iraq and headed home form Environmental & Morale Leave (EML), and Soldiers may spend less time waiting and traveling between their location and Kuwait where we fly in and out of theater.

On the subject of EML. We continue to be on track to get all Soldiers who want to take EML back home. I fully expect that every Soldier will get that well-deserved 15 day break and be able to get back and see loved ones, be able to unwind, and then return fully charged to complete the final months of our deployment.

I know that there has been some concern among family members and loved ones over Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) attacks on our Soldiers. "Yes", we have had a few incidents of vehicles having been hit by an IED. While alarming, and not to dismiss the danger of these attacks, the bottom line is that we have had no Soldiers injured at all in any of these attacks. Quite frankly, the good news is that in each of these attacks the vehicles did exactly what they did – protect the Soldiers. Likewise, our Soldiers handled themselves exactly as they are trained to do in the event of an attack, and leaders reacted by making the appropriate decisions to help ensure Soldier safety. The bottom line is that *"yes, Iraq can be a dangerous place – we are in a combat zone"*, however know that our Soldiers have the absolute best equipment to help ensure their safety and protection, and at no time do we take unnecessary risk to needlessly expose ourselves to increased danger.

I have been asked several times over the recent past *"why don't I hear from my Soldier more often?"* To that question, the only answer I can offer is *"I don't know"*. I assure you that our Soldiers have ample access to both the Internet and e-mail, as well as to telephones, and mail is free. We've got unit-level Internet cafés established throughout the battalion's areas (except for where one platoon from B Battery is located), there are numerous computers available at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) facilities at each location (although admittedly there may be a line to use the computers during high-demand hours), and all the command posts have computers that have Internet and e-mail access that Soldiers use during down-times between missions. Our Soldiers have good access to telephone lines as well –

whether that's at AT&T Call Centers, VOIP telephones in the MWR facilities, or DSN lines in our different headquarters that we've set aside for Soldiers to use to call-home. Traditional mail is free, and there are no limits to the number of letters anyone can mail – and there's not a shortage of either paper or envelopes. All that said, my point is that our Soldiers do have the opportunity to communicate via a multitude of means at their disposal. I would offer a word of caution in terms of expectation management. It's probably not likely that every Soldier is going to call home every day (they may be involved in a mission that precludes doing so, or they may choose to utilize their down-time doing something else). The same applies to e-mail. As for letter-writing, I can only guess that as is the case "back home", many people simply aren't letter writers.

I've also been asked again *"when will you guys be back home"*? The answer that we provided at the onset of the deployment remains valid. We deployed the first week of December 2005, and we're on a one year deployment, so I would expect us to return around the first week of December 2006. Of course the situation could change at any time, which could result in us returning a few weeks before then or a few weeks after then. It's still premature to make any assumptions or predictions as to the exact date we'll return. I would simply plan for early December, anticipate that we'll be home before Christmas, and if there are any changes we'll let you know once we know (and once it becomes "official"). I will offer that even once we know, we cannot provide exact dates of return until roughly 30 days prior (although we'll let you know the "window" in which we'll return if there are any changes to what's outlined above).

In closing, whenever you have a question, I'd recommend contacting the unit's Family Readiness Group, as they will most likely have the answer to the question you have or be able to get that question answered for you. Finally, I apologize for the length of this edition's article, but hopefully it has helped dispense some rumors and has answered some questions that I know are floating around out there.

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WARRIOR SIX UPDATE

CPT MATTHEW CHILDERS



Greetings from Northern Iraq. It has been a while since that last time we talked about what the Soldiers are doing on FOB Q-West. Most of the Soldiers are busy supporting Alpha and Bravo battery fire missions. There are a few that are on the Battalion Combat Logistics Patrol Team that have conducted multiple missions to and from FOB Spiecher and FOB Remagen, where some of Bravo battery is located. Those Soldiers, lead by SSG Simmons and SSG Thompson, have done an outstanding job. I just completed a four day mission down to FOB Spiecher with the CLP team where I observed some of the most professional Soldiers and NCOs. No matter how short or long the ride is or what the mission is everyone goes beyond the call of duty to ensure the safety of their comrades.

Not everything is business around here. The Soldiers in the battalion put together a Flag Football Team and a Softball Team that have participated in a couple tournaments and I am proud to say we are showing the other unit on the FOB what 2-20 FA is made of. The Flag Football Team had a hard fought game for the championship, but in the end came up just a few points short of victory. Our Softball Team has also made a name for 2-20. In the most recent tournament the Deep Strike Soldiers battled for the championship after playing 4 games in the same day. Thanks to a home run by SPC Crabtree, the constant smashing of the ball by SFC Gates and SFC Baez, and some great fielding by SFC Fuentes, SGT Melton, and SPC Oliver the team fought back from a first game lost to win 5 games straight with 3 victories in one day. Our



Members of the HHS CLP Team pose with SGT Raymond after his reenlistment.

Soldiers were fighting off bruises, aches, pains, and cramps to defeat the defending champ's two straight games, but were a little short in the second game. It's not all about winning every game here; it's about playing a game that you play back home. It's about taking your mind off everything that is going on in Iraq and having fun at something you enjoy doing. We have a huge Memorial Day Tournament coming soon, so continue to root for the home team.

I would also like to recognize a few Soldiers that have made a name for themselves at the FOB MWR building. I didn't know it but Headquarters Battery might have a few future World Series of Poker finalists. SGT Melton, SPC Marr, and SPC Panter are all on top of the leader's board for the FOB Q-West Texas Hold'em tournament. I think they might have to seek competition from other surrounding FOBs to make the game a little interesting.

Just recently, on May 6, HHS had a friendly, if that's what you can call it, NCO Dodge Ball Game during morning PT. Like I said I don't think you would have called it a friendly game of dodge ball. Junior NCOs were gunning for senior NCOs and everyone was after 1SG Maloy. I think it was more like a pay back match then it was anything else. Everyone had a great time and only a few NCOs left with bumps and bruises.

There are many Soldiers that I would like to thank or congratulate for either reenlisting or being promoted over the past month or so. First I would like to congratulate the newest members of HHS to join the NCO Corps, SGT Gonzales, SGT Cook, and SGT Purdy. Every one of these fine Soldiers deserves this promotion. SGT Gonzales has done great things while serving with the LNO section that supports Alpha Battery. His hard work and technical skills have enabled Alpha battery to be linked in with the maneuver unit's missions. SGT Cook continues to display the qualities of an outstanding NCO either working in the BN Mailroom or as a gunner on the BN Combat Logistics Patrol Team. SGT Purdy has played a key role in the success of the BN S2 shop as the Battalion Intelligence Analysis by providing commanders at all levels the information needed to make decisive decisions. I would also like to congratulate two Soldiers that attended the May promotion board. Both SPC Wheaton and SPC Marr did an outstanding job and will soon have ser-

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geant strips pinned on their uniform.

There are a few Soldiers that I would like to thank for deciding to stay in the Army for another 4 to 5 years. SGT Raymond made the decision to stay in for another 5 years and go back to Germany while SGT Cook and SPC Locket committed to stay in for another 5 years at Fort Hood. I would also like to thank the wife's of SGT Raymond and SPC Locket and the families of all three Soldiers for supporting their decision and believing in our country.

Lastly I want to thank all the spouses for a wonderful and outstanding job you are doing back home. I have heard nothing but great things from the rear. We are coming up on the half way point for this deployment and I can not thank you enough for the sacrifices everyone has had to make in support of their husbands. I know that the next half will go just as smoothly as the first. Also do not hesitate to contact Angela if you have any problems. Thank you.

WARRIOR 6



I'm getting too old for this.

SFC Baez plays through his injury in the softball tournament.



I thought I had that one.

Despite his age, SFC Fuentes isn't afraid to get down and dirty.



Going, Going, Gone.

SPC Crabtree hits one of his two homeruns in the softball tournament.

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SSG Walker takes a break during the dodgeball tournament.



1SG Maloy taunting, as always.



SFC Cosper representing the S1 shop.



SGT Howse takes a break after getting hit.

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Hello again. After our eventful move from our old stomping grounds, we've settled in our new location. The quality of life has definitely increased. Our Renegade Bus shuttles us around to the PX and the Mess Hall and we have made many innovative improvements to our living quarters. Our very own Internet Café and MWR room is nearing completion and we share duties manning the gym. Several of the more artistic Renegades have been selected to design artwork on the otherwise bare walls of that workout facility. Judging by their creativity at Wolf, the weight room interior should be much more picturesque in the coming weeks.

You may have heard that our combat operations have increased dramatically over the last few weeks or so, and all that is true. Suffice it to say that we are doing our job to great success. We have been honored with a multitude of visitors, all who are eager to meet and congratulate us on our accomplishments. Frequent handshakes from strangers in the chow hall or humble words of thanks for all we have accomplished are now commonplace, though First Sergeant won't let it get to our heads.

Despite all the high-profile personalities coming to visit, nothing meant more to the Soldiers than the recent visit of Command Sergeant Major Morrissey. He, 1LT (P) Rosario, and SFC (P) Fuentes took a few flights to get here, and they were most welcome. We exchanged many smiles and stories as we brought each other up to speed on what has been going on at the other end of the country. 1LT (P) Rosario and SFC (P) Fuentes were once in the battery, and they clearly felt right at home among the Soldiers.

While every Renegade has distinguished himself in one way or another, we took time out to recognize those who have truly stood out. First, we promoted two fine young NCOs. SGT Holman was elevated to Staff Sergeant, and SPC Hamlin is our newest Sergeant. Both are well-deserving and have already begun to fill their new shoes. PFC Haynes is another young star rising through the ranks, and we recognized that fact by promoting him to Specialist. Congratulations to all three.

Additionally, several members of our QRF (Quick Reaction Force) received the Army Achievement Medal for their service at Wolf. The QRF is an essential part of force protection. They are the equivalent

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CPT MICHAEL STUMP

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lent of the Minutemen of the American Revolution—ready to heed the call of arms with just a moment's notice. These distinguished individuals were Staff Sergeant Goff, Staff Sergeant Zatarain, Sergeant Walters, Specialist Bartel, and Private First Class Forrester.

My warmest thanks go to Sergeant Eubanks and his family for his continued service to our country by reenlisting. Even more than initially signing up for service, a reenlistment is a testament to the strength and resolve of our Army.

And let's not forget that we now have another Qualified and fully mission-capable crew in Staff Sergeant Prpich, Sergeant Mete, and Private First Class Klein. They have studied the manuals, trained for hours, and have been tested to become a firing element—the core of our Battalion. Together they will add fire power and versatility to our unit.

I'd like to close with this. You would be proud of your Soldier if he could tell you the challenges he has faced and the missions he has accomplished. We have reached the half-way point of our tour and I can tell that it is wearing on him. The fondness of family and friends grows as I hear stories of home each day. Regardless, they remain focused and understand their importance in this fight. I am humbled each time I see them run past me at a sprint. They run to their vehicles, or they man their "battle stations" and always still with a smile, all at the command of.....

"FIRE MISSION!!!"

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The Renegade Fire Base Sign at FOB Fallujah.

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A sandstorm approaches FOB Fallujah.



The sandstorm hits taking visibility down to less than 10 feet..



PV2 May mans a HEMMT crane.



SPC Smith waits for someone to drive Alpha's bus.

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GQ's next Men of the Year!

1LT(P) Rosario, SFC(P) Fuentes, CSM Morrisey, and 1SG Stone pose for the camera.



Renegade's newest crew!

SSG Prpich, SGT Mete, and PFC Klein finish qualification to become the newest MLRS crew in the battalion.



SPC Paddock and PFC Johnson stand in front of the Renegade Fire Base sign.

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SSG Goff, SSG Zatarain, SGT Walters, SPC Tascón, and PFC Forrester receive the Army Achievement Medal for their service as QRF at COP Wolf.



SGT Walters receives his AAM from CPT Stump.



SSG Goff receives his AAM from CPT Stump.

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RENEGADE RECOGNITION

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*No Better Friend, No Worse Enemy!**SGT McDowney meets with Brigadier General Horne.**SPC McGowan receives a coin from Brigadier General Horne.**SSG Holman meets with Brigadier General Horne.***BN CMD**

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RENEGADE PROMOTIONS

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BLACK KNIGHT SIX UPDATE

CPT JOHN HOSEY

Hello from FOB Q-West. The Black Knights have remained successful. For the past few months the Battery has run a M249 SAW range at Q-West and a weapons competition in FOB Remagen. Using the basic skills learned and practiced on these ranges, the Battery has been able to move onto more advanced ranges that combine basic weapon skills into a tactical scenario.

For example, the competition ran by 2nd Fire in Remagen incorporated a litter carry with six sandbags, two five gallon jug carry, and a 50 meter sprint before they even fire their weapons; and all this was accomplished in three man teams. The unofficial winners in this competition were SSG Morales, PFC Cartwright and Black Knight 6 himself, but since this was just a hasty unregistered team we stepped down. The official winners were the Black Knight Liaison Cell, which includes SSG Morales, PFC Londono, and SPC Spinks.

More recently 1st Fire, in Q-West, was involved in a M249 Squad Automatic Weapon (SAW) competition, where Black Knight teams placed first, SSG Marshall and PFC Johnson, and third, SGT Smith and SPC Joseph, respectively. The crew of Bravo 11, and the Black Knights themselves, seem to be leading the way in whatever we perform. No matter what the mission the Black Knights will persevere.

To help drive home the idea of the warrior ethos, 1st Fire has been receiving MOUT training, kicking down doors and clearing rooms in abandon buildings on the FOB. Our brothers on FOB Remagen, the Red Knights, have graciously stepped forward to instruct these classes, because that has been their sole mission for the past few months. This training gives our Soldiers another perspective and a greater understanding of the missions that are being conducted in theater. Many have said that they love the training there, and just wish that they could do more. Seeing the smiles on tired, sweat streaked faces let me know that I am doing my job by ensuring the Battery is conducting hard realistic training.

Despite our current mission, the Black Knights are conducting section certification and qualification live fires with our training rockets. This testing will ensure that we are able to conduct our tactical mission and will fulfill our semi-annual requirements for Fires Brigade.

In closing, we appreciate the mail from spouses and family members very much, and I ask that you keep the love flowing. A special thanks to Wendy Humble and Jennifer Hosey for sending boxes upon boxes, and for coordinating eight cases of Girl Scout cookies that are currently flowing over here. The Soldiers will enjoy them immensely, but I

might have to get them to do extra PT after they eat them. All The Black Knights here in Iraq enjoyed the hundreds of Easter Eggs that the families spent many hours filling; and we hope you enjoyed the many pictures that we took. More pictures will be on the way.

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CRAZY HORSE UPDATE

CPT ANDREW MACK



It's been a while since our last update, so let me start by telling everyone that the Crazy Horse team is doing great and still getting the mission done. We're still split up supporting all of the Deep Strike units: Alpha CRT moved to Fallujah with Alpha Battery, half of Bravo CRT lives in FOB Remagen (near Tikrit) with half of Bravo Battery, and the rest are with the remainder of the Task Force in FOB Q-West. With Environmental Morale Leave, unit movements, and transportation support missions, the Crazy Horse team is all over Iraq. Despite the different locations, we are in contact with each other and all of you back home; each location has the ability to support email or phone calls.

Our motor pool operations continue to keep us busy. SSG Renner (Base Maintenance - QWest), SSG Quitugua (Alpha CRT - Fallujah), SSG Westbrook (Bravo CRT - QWest/Remagen), and SFC Martinez (MCS - QWest) continue to do a great job in supervising the maintenance teams. LTC Johnson even recognized our fabrication and welding section for the great work they have done in our woodshop working on special projects; from furniture and flag stands to bullet-proof glass shields and armor upgrades, they have done a great job supporting the Task Force. Congratulations go out to all the "Woodpeckers": SSG Cornell, SGT Perez, SPC Joshua Price, SPC Reilly, and PFC Benavidez.

Distribution Platoon continues to juggle the tough transport missions and force protection missions at Q-West, to include the operation of an Entry Control Point (ECP) with Iraqi Army units. An ECP is a gate, like the gates we have at Fort Hood, and our Distro Soldiers do a great job keeping their ECP operating. Recently the Base Defense Operations Center (B-DOC) recognized all of our Distro Soldiers working at one of the gates for their professional excellence and attention to detail. Hats off to 1LT Foth and SFC Giles, Platoon Leader and Platoon Sergeant for Distro, for keeping their Soldiers focused on our protection. For security reasons, I will not list there names this month; however, I will list all of these American Heroes at the completion of their mission.

Headquarters works hard to keep it all together. We also have our cooks working the ECP at our chow hall; they keep the peace so we all can eat in peace. LTC Johnson and the B-DOC also recognized the cooks for their hard work; they set the standard for all of the other units to follow at the chow hall. Great job SSG Hill, SGT Rock "the Rock", SGT Holmes, SPC Hill, SPC Arguello, SPC McKasson, SPC McNair, SPC Rommero, PFC Gai, SPC Marrero, and PFC McIntosh; thanks for your service and for keeping watch.

There are lots of Soldiers stepping up to the challenges of the deployment and we've promoted several of our Crazy Horse team:

Promoted to Specialist (E-4): Specialists Johnny Benevitez, Brett Bradley, Jason Haynes, Jeremy Landino, James McCue, Joshua Price, Kevin Price, Joseph Ring, and Ross Romerro.

Promoted to Sergeant (E-5): Sergeants Jesse Brown, Joshua Eubanks, Dewayne Phillips, Jovalyne Raphael-Gamble, Sean Reilly, Fred Rupp, and Robert Self.

Promoted to Staff Sergeant (E-6): Staff Sergeant Michael Boomer.

Promoted to Sergeant First Class (E-7): Sergeant First Class Colleen Giles.

Promotable (awaiting sequence number date): SSG (P) Mike "Bob" Renner

It hasn't all been work; we've had a little time to play over here as well. Congratulations to PFC McIntosh for twice winning 1st place in an art competition at Q-West and SFC Meads who won a spades tournament at Q-West as well.

We missed spring break, Saint Pat's Day, the Final Four, Easter, Cinco de Mayo, and Mothers' Day... but you all remain in our thoughts, emails, phone calls, and prayers. Continue to ask questions through our FRG Leaders; Laura and Christa keep us in the loop so we can keep our Soldiers on top of any issues or concerns. Thanks to all of our volunteers for keeping the communication channels open.

By the time you read this update, we will have more soldiers supporting more missions in more locations, so stand-by for our next update!

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CRAZY HORSE LIFE



Newly promoted SGT Self after being cleansed with water to welcome him to the NCO Corps.



CLP Team getting ready to move out from Tikrit back to Q-West. From left to right SPC Paz, SGT Reyes, PV2 Onofrei, SGT Cruz, and SPC Benavidez.

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CRAZY HORSE LIFE



Crazy Horse CLP team getting ready to roll out for mission training.

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REAR DETACHMENT UPDATE

CPT COLIN BURKE

Another month has gone by and we are another month closer to the redeployment of the Deep Strike Battalion. I'm proud to say that not only are the Soldiers executing their mission but along with their Chain of Command they are doing what they have to take care of their families. They would not be able to do it without the love and support of their families. I would like to especially thank the members of the Family Readiness Groups (FRG) for their hard work and dedication.

On the 19th of April the 4th Infantry Division held the yearly Ivy Gold Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. We were extremely pleased to have two deserving recipients come from within our unit. Mrs. Mandy Pierce and Mrs. Christa Renner were both recognized for their devotion and commitment to the FRGs. This month we were also pleased to have Mrs. Shanna Gargis receive the volunteer of the month award from our

Rear Division Commander and Mrs. Thurman, the First Lady of the Ironhorse Division. Congratulations to the recipients of these awards.

I would also like to take a minute to remind you to inform the FRGs and the Rear Detachment if you plan on going on vacation or leaving your current address. Summer break is coming up for children and everyone is going to want to go visit family or just get away. Please just send us an email and let us know. Thank you in advance.

Here are some helpful phone numbers:

- American Red Cross — (877) 272-7337
- Legal Assistance – (254) 287-1850
- Family Assistance Center – (254) 288-7570
- Command Financial Specialist – (254) 286-6668

CPT BURKE



Mandy Pierce (front row, first from the left) and Christa Renner (front row, far right) receive the Ivy Gold Volunteer

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TASK FORCE DEEP STRIKE REENLISTMENT HEROES

APRIL AND MAY 2006

67th FSC	B Battery	HHS Battery
SGT Lorne Adams	SSG Troy Bartlett	SPC Walter Cook
SPC Luis Arguello	PFC Bradley Batchelor	SPC Reginald Lockett
SPC Kevin Brown	SPC Darren Chin	SGT Rony Raymond
SGT Joshua Eubanks	SGT William Jersey	
SPC Timothy Jordan	SGT Mark Maxwell	
SPC Jeremy Landino	SSG Cory Mayle	
SGT Jovalyne Rafael	PFC Victor Walkington	
SGT Jeffrey Reyes		
SPC Joseph Ring		
SGT Frederick Rupp		
SGT Carolynne Vielle		

CRAZY HORSE REENLISTMENTS



CPT Stump reenlists SGTEubanks for 6 years.

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CPT Mack reenlists SPC Arguello for 6 years.



CPT Mack reenlists SGT Adams for 6 years.

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CW2 Detweiller reenlists SGT Vielle for 6 years.



CPT Mack reenlists SGT Reyes for 6 years.

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CRAZY HORSE REENLISTMENTS



CPT Mack reenlists SPC Jordan for 5 years.

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BLACK KNIGHT REENLISTMENTS



1LT Farnell reenlists SSG Mayle for 6 years.



1T(P) Mackey reenlists PFC Walkington for 5 years.

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BLACK KNIGHT REENLISTMENTS



1LT(P) Mackey reenlists SGT Maxwell for 5 years.



1LT(P) Mackey reenlists SPC Chin for 4 years.

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WARRIOR REENLISTMENTS



SGT Raymond with the CLP team after reenlisting for 4 years.



CPT Sylvester reenlists SPC Lockett for 4 years.



CPT Childers reenlists SPC Cook for 5 years.

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LETTER FROM AN ALWAYS MILITARY WIFE

The following appeared in the May 14th edition of the 4ID Update published by Bob Babcock. We've included this because the article talks about how important and how much it means to loved ones to keep correspondence, pictures, etc from the time deployed here to Iraq. The article also addresses the importance of letting the system work as it's designed to in the event of tragedy.

From the Wife of a Fallen Hero

My husband Chris Petty was killed in Iraq in January of this year. He was assigned to 3-16 FA, 2BCT, 4ID. He was the Commander of HHB. He was a proud son, brother, husband and father. He was a loyal friend and Soldier.

I am writing to let you and your readers know that I could not agree more with the "War Box" idea. It doesn't matter how you do it, just do it. I saved all emails, letters, pictures and everything he sent home from both OIF I and for the month and a week he was there for OIF IV. I am so glad that I did, that is what I have left to show my boys what an incredible person their father was. I encourage the Soldiers over in Iraq to keep a journal, the words that are written in my husband's are priceless. What better way for my boys to know their father than by his own written words. Pictures are a must! I have only a few from OIF IV but the ones that I have are once again priceless. It is the best connection my two boys have to their father.

I also wanted to comment on the segment someone wrote about the "lock down" situation and how a wife almost found out about her husband through another wife, I am that wife! I know its hard for wives to not have that contact, but when all is said and done the one thing these families need to understand is that someone's life has just been changed forever! These families will hear from their Soldier soon enough, but for those few days they must remember some other family is being notified that their loved one is gone. Maybe if they keep that in mind every time there is a "lock down" they might not get so irritated by the whole situation.

Thank you for reading my thoughts and I hope you will add them to your newsletter.

Sincerely

An "always" Military Wife

NEW MAILING ADDRESSES FOR TASK FORCE DEEP STRIKE DON'T USE THE NEW ADDRESSES UNTIL JUNE.

	HHS/2-20 FA ⁽²⁾	A/2-20 FA ⁽¹⁾	B/2-20 FA	67th FSC ⁽²⁾
CURRENT	HHS/2-20 FA (MLRS) FOB Q-West APO AE 09334	A/2-20 FA (MLRS) FOB Fallujah APO AE 09387	B/2-20 FA (MLRS) FOB Q-West APO AE 09334	67th FSC FOB Q-West APO AE 09334
NEW	HHS/2-20 FA (MLRS) Camp Liberty Unit # 71000 APO AE 09344-1000	A/2-20 FA (MLRS) Camp Liberty Unit # 73300 APO AE 09344-3300	B/2-20 FA (MLRS) Camp Liberty Unit # 71001 APO AE 09344-1001	67th FSC Unit # 71002 Camp Liberty APO AE 09344-1002

(1) – Some Soldiers from A/2-20 FA will retain the “current” mailing address, since they will not move locations. You will need to ask your Soldier which address is applicable for him.

(2) – Remember that some Soldiers actually assigned to 67th FSC are located with A/2-20 FA, and you should use the A Battery address if that is the case. You will need to ask your Soldier which address is applicable to him.

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